

## **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application.

Applicant respectfully thanks the Office for the indication that claims 8, 9, and 13 are merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has herein amended the claims to present claims 8 and 9 in independent form in order to overcome the objections to those claims. Furthermore, Applicant has canceled objected-to claim 13 and amended claim 1 to incorporate its limitations.

Applicant also has herein amended independent claim 19 so as to incorporate similar limitations as newly amended claim 1. Accordingly, claim 19 should also now be in allowable form in accordance with the reasoning of the Office Action of February 22, 2006.

Applicant has further added new dependent claims 20-29, which also are allowable at least because they depend from allowable claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Office to issue a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible date. The Office is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone call in order to further the prosecution of this case in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

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